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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application  
Inventor(s): Raymond Ellis, et al.  
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a Multi-Protocol Environment

**PATENT APPLICATION**

Art Unit: 2143  
Examiner: Mauro, Thomas

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8**

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**RESPONSE A UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This RESPONSE A is in reply to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2004. No fee is due for the addition of any new claims. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

### Additional Remarks

New Claim 49 depends directly from independent Claim 1, new Claim 50 depends directly from independent Claim 11 and new Claim 51 depends directly from independent Claim 21. These new dependent claims includes all of the limitations of the independent claim from which they depend. For at least the same reasons discussed above, Applicants assert that new Claims 49-51 are not anticipated nor rendered obvious by any reference of record, either singly or in combination.

The references cited by the Examiner but not relied upon have been reviewed, but are not believed to render the claims unpatentable, either singly or in combination.


In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application are allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested.

Enclosed is a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for extending the time to respond up to and including today, May 28, 2005.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0639 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time or addition of new claims, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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